

John Doane – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

John Doane arrived in Plymouth Colony from England about 1630 at age 40. He had large land holdings in Plymouth before bringing his family to Nauset in 1644. He was one of the leaders of the first group of Nauset settlers. He was one of the original Purchasers. In the Eastham records he is referred to as John Doane Sr., Mr. John Doane or Mr. John Doane Esq. His son John is referred to as John Doane, John Doane Jr. or Lieut. John Doane.

In Eastham his positions included Deacon of the Church, Deputy to the Court and Selectman. He was appointed to committees for laying out land boundaries and settling land disputes. He died in 1685 and is buried in Cove Burying Ground. A monument for John Doane was placed in Cove Burying Ground by his descendants in 1907.

1648

John Doane and Daniel Cole exchanged about five acres of meadowland. Doane received land at the head of Boat Meadow. Cole received land near John's Field. PDF P9.

1659

Granted to John Doane three-quarters of an acre of marsh next to other Doane land and next to land of Samuel Hix. The land was lawfully possessed by Daniel Cole. PDF A148, M210, S21.

Granted to John Doane four acres lawfully possessed by Daniel Cole. PDF A148, M210, S21.

Granted to John Doane seven acres for a house lot near the Cove and near the Little Swamp. PDF A174, M73, S15.

Granted to John Doane and John Doane Jr. forty-five acres on Pochet on the east side of the Great Dry Swamp. PDF A174, M74, S27.

Granted to John Doane thirteen acres on Pochet east of Thomas Prince's land and bordering Job Cook's land near the Swamp and the Cove. PDF A174, M74, S27.

Granted to John Doane a parcel of meadow containing three acres on the south side of Boat Meadow bounded by land of Richard Sparrow and land of Job Cole. PDF A174, M74.

Granted to John Doane a parcel of meadow containing two acres at Boat Meadow bounded between land of Edward Bangs and Samuel Hix. PDF A174, M74, S28.

Granted to John Doane a parcel of meadow containing one and one-half acres at Common Cove in the Boat Meadow bounded by land of Edward Bangs and Samuel Hix. PDF A174, M74, S28.

Granted to John Doane a parcel of meadow containing one and one-half acres at Billingsgate adjoining the meadow of Steven Wood and bounded by a stake at the head of the Creek and a marked tree. PDF A174, M75, S28.

Granted to John Doane a parcel of meadow containing two acres lying in the Second Meadow at Blackfish River and lying between land of John Rogers and Nicholas Snow. PDF A174, M75, S28.

1662

At Town Meeting Thomas Prence, John Doane, Edward Bangs, Nicholas Snow, Josiah Cooke, Richard Higgins, Joseph Rogers, Daniel Cole, John Smally, Job Cole and Robert Wixam jointly resolved that Lieutenant's Island would not be granted to anyone without joint consent "to some public use." PDF P23.

Granted to John Doane swampland bounded by stakes next to his house. PDF P23.

1664

Granted to John Doane three-quarters of an acre of meadow at the head of Boat Meadow next to land of Robert Wixam. PDF P3.

1666

Granted to John Doane the eighth lot next to land of Richard Higgins and Josiah Cook near the Creek and Salt Pond. PDF A230, M40.

1667

Granted to John Doane ten acres of upland at Little Billingsgate on the north side of Duck Creek and next to ten acres of upland granted to Daniel Cole. PDF A147, M205, S46.

1671

Granted to John Doane fifteen acres of meadow formerly granted to John Yates on the southwest side of Rock Harbor Meadow next to meadow of Giles Hopkins. PDF A173, M72, S39, S47.

1673

Granted to John Doane ten acres of upland at the neck of Billingsgate River and Duck Creek. This land was next to ten acres granted to Thomas Prence. The land lawfully possessed by John Mayo. PDF A167, M235.

Granted to John Doane twelve acres of upland next to the Rabbit Swamp. The land was bounded by four marked white oak trees. PDF M176, S36.

1677

John Doane and nine others each purchased eight acre lots of upland from Thomas Prence beginning at the southerly end of Pochet Island. The Doane land was next to eight acre lots of Josiah Cooke and Nicholas Snow. PDF A230, M40, M41, S105.

1683

Granted to John Doane four acres of meadow at Little Billingsgate running downward between the upland and the Herring River. PDF A173, M72, S39.

1715

Granted to John Doane and his heirs the ninety-sixth wood lot in a series of 156 wood lot grants. The wood lot was near where he lived. The dimensions indicate the lot was about thirty-seven acres. PDF T287.

Granted to John Doane and his heirs the ninety-seventh wood lot in a series of 156 wood lot grants. The wood lot was near where he lived. The dimensions indicate the lot was about fifty-eight acres. PDF T287.

The land owned by John Doane described in these records amounts to about 120 acres plus the ninety-five acres of wood lots granted to his heirs after his death. By 1745 twenty-five more Doanes received Eastham land grants.